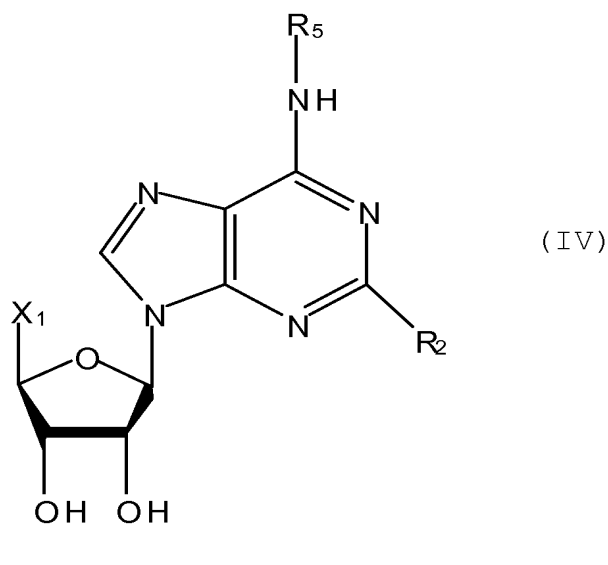
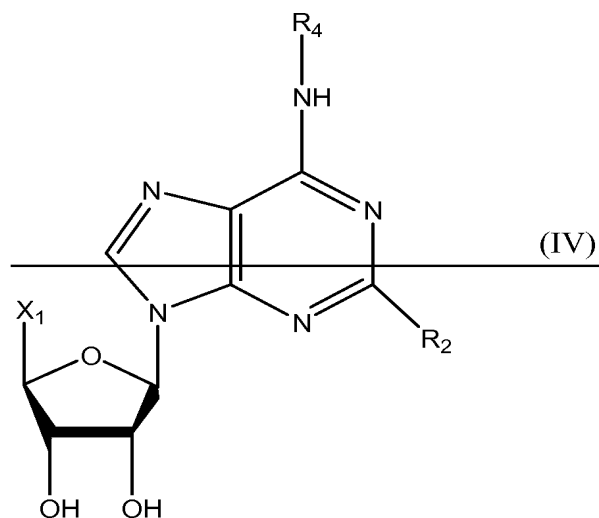


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

According to one preferred embodiment, the A₃RAg is a nucleoside derivative of the general formula (IV):



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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15,
line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

wherein **X₁**, **R₂** and **R₄-R₅** are as defined above, and
physiologically acceptable salts of said compound.